



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Tomoo Yamamoto et al.
APPLICATION NO.: 09/862,452
FILED: May 23, 2001
FOR: Magnetic Recording Medium and Magnetic Recording Apparatus
ART UNIT: 1773
EXAMINER: Holly C. Rickman
CUSTOMER NO.: 23838

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 3, 2005, and as a submission with the attached RCE, the response date having been extended by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to December 3, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: